

**YOUR ATTENTION**

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# 66 CONFIDENTIAL

Jan. 10th, 1947.

1. Sewing Machine Campaign.

We discussed possibilities of a more extensive sewing machine campaign with a prominent clothing manufacturer in Montreal. He is anxious to go further than the present drive of the Federation of Polish Jews which is under our auspices, and to produce up to 1,000 machines. We are studying the project and its various implications.

2. Legal Council.

We discussed our plan of research on civil liberties, bill of rights and other important legal matters with a member of the Law Faculty of McGill University. He undertook to examine our monograph on Bill of Rights and our research studies on the post office regulations, etc. This should prove hopeful in guiding us to the proper conclusions.

3. Anti-Semitic Literature.

Several protests have been received on the re-appearance of "Le Goglu", and the contents of the Social Credit speeches and writings. Our reply perforce is that we are making a most careful study of the legal aspects, administrative discretion the law may accord to officials and the possibilities of court action where they may conceivably be. All these matters are in the process of study.

The editor of the Canadian Register is proposing to take action on "Le Goglu" and is requesting us for documentation. Another approach on this subject to the Catholic Church is being made by several French Canadian priests.

4. Visit of Mr. Wm. Chernin.

Mr. Wm. Chernin, chairman of our Maritime section was in Montreal. We discussed with him campaign matters, (publicity, speakers, dates), the Maritime Conference and the services of the "Igud", Canadian Association of Hebrew Schools.

5. Dr. B. Pliskin Will Address Hamilton Conference.

Our Central region Provincial Conference in Hamilton will be addressed by Dr. B. Pliskin who arrived recently in New York from the D.P. camps in Germany. Mr. I.L. Kenen of the American Jewish Congress will also be present and he will speak on the Jewish aspects at the recent International Conferences.

Dr. B. Pliskin will be in Montreal on January 14th and will participate in the Eastern Region, Dominion Council meeting.

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6. National Committee on Refugees.

A meeting of the Canadian National Committee on Refugees was convened for Monday, January 20th in Toronto. The meeting will be attended by the National Executive Director.

7. Background Conference on UNESCO.

Mr. J. B. Orrick, Chief Section for Voluntary Organizations at the UNO in Lake Success, invited Congress to be represented at a background conference on UNESCO which will be held on Monday, January 13th at Lake Success, at which Mr. Howard Wilson, former Deputy Executive Secretary of UNESCO will speak. We advised Mr. Orrick that it is unlikely that we will be represented unless one of our officials is in New York at that date.

8. Societies Division in Toronto.

At a recent meeting of the Council of the Societies Division in Toronto plans were laid for a clothing drive which will start immediately after the Regional Conference in Hamilton on January 12th and will continue until the end of February. The Geveerkshaftern campaign requested the Societies Division to lend its support to the forthcoming campaign for Labor Palestine. The Council decided that in view of the fact that the struggle for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Homeland cuts across on party lines and because almost every organization in the Societies Division actively supports this goal, that the Societies Division appoint a committee to represent it at the forthcoming Geveerkshaftern campaign conference and that this committee act as a representative to the campaign for the Societies Division. Other matters dealt with by the Societies Division were: Negotiations with Doctors, and Foster Homes Campaign of the Jewish family and child service.

9. Regional Film Committee in Toronto.

The Joint Public Relations Committee of the Central Division appointed Mr. Montague Raisman as chairman of the Regional Committee on Films. The Regional Committee discussed the visit of Dr. Everett Glenchy and Dr. James Parkes to Toronto and discrimination cases which occurred recently in the region.

10. Lectures on English Literature.

The Jewish People's University in Montreal will have a series of lectures on the Jews in English literature. The lectures will be given by a member of our staff.

11. Reprint of Article on Gradis.

The reprint of the article on Abraham Gradis which appeared in a recent issue of Les Carnets Viatoriens is off the press. The editors asked us for further materials which they are prepared to include into their publication. The article on Gradis evoked considerable interest and was digested in other French publications and was also commented editorially in the "Saturday Night".

12. World Jewish Congress 10th Anniversary Observances.

We are preparing a mailing to a great number of people in Canada of the pamphlet, "The Program of the World Jewish Congress" of November, 1946, to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the World Jewish Congress.

13. War Record.

The Committee in charge of the publication of "War Record" decided to ask the Prime Minister for a preface to the first part of the War Record which is now being completed. The section of decorated men is finished. In many cases the citations have been checked with the Department of National Defence from which we have received excellent cooperation. Out of 195 stories of this section we obtained 155 photos. The work on casualty section is far advanced and the chapter on those killed in action is completed. The drafts of the stories are cleared with the next-of-kin of the men.

14. American Jewish Committee's Statement on European Jews.

The C.B.C. and some Canadian newspapers quoted Dr. Max Gottschalk of the American Jewish Committee to the effect that hundreds of thousands of Jews now in Europe must reconcile themselves to remaining in Europe and get rid of what he called "the displaced persons mentality" and stay on the Continent. Dr. Gottschalk was further quoted to have said that re-integration of the Jews into the communities in which they live must be the next step. He stated that it is quite clear that many European Jews cannot be happy in Europe and for those who sincerely wish to settle in Palestine, United States and other lands there should be no hindrance. A few days ago Dr. Gottschalk was granted an audience with the Pope who expressed his hope that other countries will follow the example set by Brazil and Argentine in welcoming immigration of displaced persons." We have no direct information as to the statement of Dr. Gottschalk, possibly he was misquoted on the radio and in the Press.

15. Immigration.

Newspaper reports indicate that Canada may eventually establish immigration quotas much along the line in force in the United States but probably less stringent; the Government is not likely to reach a final decision in time to introduce legislation in the session of Parliament which opens January 30th. A heavy flow of immigrants into Canada is expected in the coming year according to these reports, without further lowering the bars. The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Gardiner, advocated in Vancouver wide "open door" immigration policy and expressed agreement with those who said Canada could do with another 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 people. Mr. Paul Martin, former Secretary of State and now Minister of Health, granted an interview to the "Jewish Daily Eagle" of Montreal in which he stated that Canada will help solve the problem of Displaced Persons, however, he felt that the problem must be dealt with at an international scale.

16. Need of Soap in Belsen Camp.

Rabbi Levy of Vancouver who is now visiting camps in the British zone sent the following telegram on the desperate need of soap in the Belsen camp: "Am present visiting displaced Jews British zone sponsorship official London Jewish Committee relies abroad have discovered unspeakably desperate situation for 300 newlyborns in Belsen camp alone through complete unobtainability soap in same Jewish Relief Unit 81 HQ British Army occupation Germany. Implore you promote campaign for shipping immediately ten tons. Cable them your view prospects". We are investigating the possibilities of complying with this request.